

St. Thomas Aquinas

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



January 21st, 2024 | Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES

ENGLISH: Saturday—5:00 pm | Sunday—9:00am | 12:00 pm | 6:00 pm
ITALIAN: Sunday—10:30 am
ESPAÑOL: Sunday—2:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday 9:00am | First Fridays - 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

BAPTISMS—BAUTIZOS

Please call the office, **Three months** in advance, .
Llamar a la oficina con **tres meses** de anticipación.

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Please contact the office **one year** in advance.
Llamar a la oficina con **un año** de anticipación.

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For the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation), please contact the office and press **ext. 0**

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Please call the office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.



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ASSOCIATE PASTOR Fr. Peter Paul C.C.E.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
9:30 am - 12:00pm | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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DEVOTIONS—DEVOCIONES

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Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 11am
on Fridays and 7:30 pm on First Fridays

CHURCH HOURS: The church is open
Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 am to
12: 00 pm, Saturdays from 8:00am to 6:00
pm and Sundays 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.
FOOD BANK: Tuesdays & Saturdays at 12:00 pm

January 20th to 27th, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 20th

9:00 am +Rev Fr. Franco Ierardi/ +Rev. Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Cicco/ Birthday blessings upon Sarah Miklas
5:00 pm (available for intentions)

SUNDAY, January 21st

9:00 am +Antonia Grande
10:30 am +Antonio Pitaro
12:00 pm +Adrian Sullivan/ Healing of Jacob Lee
2:00 pm Sanacion de Maria Magdalena de Quintanilla & Diego Hernan Castaño/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Marcos Gomez
7:00 pm Mass in honour of Santo Niño de Cebu

MONDAY, January 22nd

9:00 am +Maria Phien and all souls in purgatory/
+Myriam Faluotico, +Vincenzo Giralico, & +Maria Cristina Duran

TUESDAY, January 23rd

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Heidi Park & +Rev. Fr Miro/ Birthday blessings upon Randy Todd

WEDNESDAY, January 24th — St. Francis de Sales

9:00 am +Gioan Baotixita Dinh & +Maria Ngo/ +Virginia Fortino

THURSDAY, January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Michela Bellassai/ +Chizo Eucharica Ezeudu/ Birthday blessings upon Sophia Rocha

FRIDAY, January 26th — Sts. Timothy & Titus

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/+Jose Villanueva Barragan/ Healing upon Otto Rivera, Diego Castaño, Emma Sophia Greco/ Birthday blessings upon Amanda Hernandez de Daza & Julian Rocha

SATURDAY, January 27th — St. Fabian

9:00 am +Albertina Tomazia Leal
5:00 pm +Guerino Fratangeli/ +Francesco Gullone/ +Benjamin S. Dela Cruz



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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This third Sunday in Ordinary Time is dedicated to the Word of God. But it also coincides with the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, a period during which the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th), is liturgically commemorated. Do you have the Bible at home? Is the word of God the center of your life? Is it at the heart of your family unity? The first reading narrates how "God changed his mind" because people decided to abandon evil ways and follow God's word (see Jonah 3.1-5). Even now, you and I can still respond to Jesus' gentle invitation: "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people" (Mark 1.14-20). You are the light of the world (Matthew 5.14), let it shine!

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

2024 Envelopes

The 2024 envelopes are available for pick-up in the sacristy. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. If you do not have a registered envelope number, you may take a box of envelopes that are unlabeled. Please print your full name, mailing address and contact information clearly and you will be assigned the number on the box. We kindly ask that you use the 2024 envelopes for this year.

Thank you for your generosity!
Regular Collection—January 14, 2024
\$5,708.00

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

Youth Group: Friday Evenings

Youth Ministry for Friday, January 26, 2024

Topic: Faith Formation Night

7pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided after. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY

Sunday, January 28th, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Dear parishioners, the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Thomas Aquinas, will be on Sunday, 28th January at 2pm. After the trilingual Mass, there will be a **beautiful procession** with the statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, followed by an early dinner in the parish hall. Moreover, we shall have group photographs during the reception. All parishioners and friends of our parish are warmly invited to attend.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

Food Bank adds a second day! From **Saturday, 27th January 2024**, our St. Thomas Aquinas Food Bank will be distributing food every Saturday, in addition to Tuesdays. The time remains 12pm for both days. If you are able and willing to volunteer in our Food Bank, please fill out the volunteer form in the parish office and join our charitable outreach. Thank you!

ESTA SEMANA EN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Del escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario está dedicado a la Palabra de Dios. Pero coincide también con la Semana de oración por la unidad de los cristianos, período durante el cual se conmemora litúrgicamente la Conversión de San Pablo (25 de enero). ¿Tienes la Biblia en casa? ¿Es la Palabra de Dios el centro de tu vida? ¿Está en el corazón de tu unidad familiar? La primera lectura narra cómo "Dios cambió de parecer" porque la gente decidió abandonar los malos caminos y seguir la palabra de Dios (ver Jonás 3.1-5). Incluso ahora, tú y yo podemos responder a la amable invitación de Jesús: "Venid en pos de mí y os haré pescadores de hombres" (Mc 1,14-20). Tú eres la luz del mundo (Mateo 5.14), ¡deja que brille!

Celebración de la Misa Matrimonial con el Arzobispo Francis Leo

Como parte de las celebraciones del Domingo del Matrimonio 2024, el Arzobispo Francis Leo presidirá una Misa especial para honrar a las parejas casadas, con un reconocimiento especial para aquellos que celebren su 25º, 40º, 50º, 60º y 60+ aniversarios de boda en 2024. La Misa tendrá lugar a las 15.00 horas del domingo 11 de febrero de 2024 en la Basílica Catedral de San Miguel (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Todas las parejas casadas tendrán la oportunidad de renovar su compromiso matrimonial durante la Misa. Todos son bienvenidos. Las parejas que celebren su 25º, 40º, 50º, 60º o 60+ aniversarios en 2024 podrán inscribirse para un asiento reservado. Los asientos reservados son limitados, por lo que se ruega inscribirse pronto. Los demás asientos se reservarán por orden de llegada. Aquellos que no puedan asistir a la Catedral están invitados a unirse a la celebración a través de la retransmisión en directo de la misa.

La inscripción y otra información importante se pueden encontrar en www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Sobres 2024

Los sobres 2024 se pueden recoger en la sacristía. Los sobres están ordenados alfabéticamente. Si no tiene un número de sobre registrado, puede coger una caja de sobres sin etiquetar. Escriba claramente su nombre completo, dirección postal e información de contacto y se le asignará el número que aparece en la caja. Le rogamos que utilice los sobres 2024 para este año. Gracias por su generosidad.

¡Gracias por su generosidad!
Colecta Regular-14 de enero, 2024
\$5,708.00

Carta Pastoral del Reverendísimo Francis Leo— "Buscar el Reino de Dios por encima y más allá todas las demás cosas"

El Arzobispo Francis Leo ha publicado una Carta Pastoral a la Iglesia de Dios en la Archidiócesis de Toronto, titulada "Buscando el Reino de Dios por encima y más allá de todas las demás cosas". Esta significativa reflexión de nuestro pastor espiritual pretende ofrecer una meditación teológica, espiritual y pastoral al embarcarnos en un nuevo año y en nuestros esfuerzos colectivos por construir y fortalecer el Reino de Dios en toda nuestra archidiócesis. Se puede acceder a la Carta Pastoral visitando la página web de la archidiócesis: www.archtoronto.org.

Grupo de jóvenes: Viernes por la tarde

Pastoral Juvenil para el viernes 26 de enero de 2024

Tema: Noche de Formación en la Fe

De 7pm a 8:30pm en el salón parroquial; después habrá refrescos. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!

FIESTA DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO

Domingo, 28 de enero de 2024 a las 14:00

Queridos feligreses, la fiesta de nuestro Santo Patrón, Tomás de Aquino, será el domingo 28 de enero a las 14 horas. Después de la misa trilingüe, habrá **una hermosa procesión** con la estatua de Santo Tomás de Aquino, seguida de una cena temprana en el salón parroquial. Además, tendremos fotografías de grupo durante la recepción. Todos los feligreses y amigos de nuestra parroquia están cordialmente invitados a asistir.

BANCO DE ALIMENTOS

¡El Banco de Alimentos añade un segundo día! A partir del **sábado 27 de enero de 2024**, nuestro Banco de Alimentos Santo Tomás de Aquino repartirá comida todos los sábados, además de los martes. La hora sigue siendo las 12h para ambos días. Si puedes y quieres colaborar como voluntario en nuestro Banco de Alimentos, rellena el formulario de voluntariado en el despacho parroquial y únete a nuestra labor solidaria. Muchas gracias.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

January 25 — The Conversion of St. Paul: Feast



Our feast today not only celebrates Saint Paul, it specifically celebrates his conversion. Think about that glorious conversion. During those three days, he pondered Jesus' words, fasted, prayed, listened, thought, and changed. Facing the truth within his soul might not have been easy, but he did it. From that time on, the zeal that he had poured into persecution became zeal for the spreading of the Gospel. It's easy to see Saint Paul in the bright light of all that he accomplished. But one truth we must never forget is that he was only a man. He was a man who experienced a profound conversion and dedicated the rest of his life to the will of God. Saint Paul must be a model for each of us. As we ponder his conversion today, think about your own conversion. If you are not as zealous for God as was Saint Paul, work to change that. You are just as capable of living a radical Christian life as was Saint Paul. Allow God to fill you with zeal so that God may use you in glorious ways.

Saint Paul, you were filled with zeal throughout your life. First, you were zealous in persecuting the early Christians in an attempt to defend the Jewish interpretation of the Law of Moses. After you encountered Jesus, Whom you were persecuting, you completely changed your life and became one of the most zealous evangelists in the history of the world. Please pray for me, that I may embrace the same zeal you had and allow Jesus to convert my soul as fully as you allowed Him to convert you. Saint Paul, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life

The Source Holy Hour



Thursday, January 25, 2024
07:00 PM to 09:00 PM
840 Bathurst Street, Toronto

You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor).

[Check Out Event](#)

When Were the Gospels Written



Modern scholarship tends to date Mark's Gospel around A.D. 70-75, Matthew around 75, Luke around 80-90, and John around 90-100. In part, these dates rest on the assumption that Mark's Gospel was written first—a view known as Marcan priority. Marcan priority is based on a number of considerations, including Mark's being the shortest of the four Gospels, and the fact that its Greek prose is a lot worse than Matthew's.

If Mark were writing after Matthew, so the argument goes, then why on earth would Mark (a) cut out plenty of important material, and (b) repeat Matthew's stories but without preserving Matthew's superior Greek? For these reasons and others, scholars often argue that Mark offered the world the first "rough and ready" Gospel, which was then used later on by Matthew and Luke as one of the sources for their own more polished accounts.

[Read More](#)



3 Minute Retreat We Are Blessed

Galatians 3:5-7

Does, then, the one who supplies the Spirit to you and works mighty deeds among you do so from works of the law or from faith in what you have heard? Thus Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Realize then that it is those who have faith who are children of Abraham.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

God's Story: Peter Fishes for Men



Animated Story

[Children's Video](#)

God pursues us even when we run away from him



We often forget that even before we think of approaching God, he is already pursuing us. God is the “hound of heaven,” constantly knocking at the door of our heart. The Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights this belief in its section on prayer: God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. CCC 2567

[Read More](#)

"Peace I leave you, my peace I give you"

Monday, January 29, 2024 09:00 AM - 03:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering



Day of Reflection for men & women. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you." At Mass, just before communion, we have a Rite of Peace. This is no accident. Today we have a time for reflection on the importance of this rite. We offer a sign of peace to one another, we pray for peace in our world and in our lives, but we also open ourselves in a new way to receive this gift from Christ. Facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. Suggested offering of \$65. Includes coffee/tea break on arrival, talks, lunch and Mass.

[Register Here](#)

It's Time to Get Real With God. Really Real.



There's a kind of prayer a lot of us usually avoid, and it's the one that we need so badly. "Lord, I'm hurting right here—please heal me here."

Fr. Mark-Mary shows us how vital this awareness of our wounds is, and how much good God can do in our lives when we give him access to those places.

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*"I can do all this through him
who gives me strength."
— Philippians 4:13*

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